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Column One  
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## 'Small Coalition' Without G.Z. Held Possible

Jerusalem Post Staff

MR. Bevan has said some nice things about the kibbutzim. It was high time somebody said some nice things about the kibbutzim. They probably represent the country's only original social experiment. And when you think back on the days before the State, you cannot help thinking that without the kibbutzim it would have been difficult to bring the State about. They were the purified Zionist ideal put into practice. They were the outcome of hardship voluntarily accepted by people in the development of the idea of creating an emancipated people through discipline and of winning personal freedom through self-imposed bonds. Until the State was founded the kibbutzim were the pride and the fervent hope of the Yishuv and many well-to-do families of theocracy, engaged in commerce or the professions, thought it right and proper to have a son or daughter in a kibbutz just as in some other countries well-to-do families used to make a point of having a son in a crack regiment.

THE State has made a difference. Statehood usually does. The sovereign people's new government thinks it necessary to prove itself, and to justify proud sovereignty by being as like other governments as possible. That is why in less than six months, a remarkable if imitative diligence, Israel has succeeded in becoming as badly governed as any other democratic State. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Bevan, having run to earth the now attenuated experiment of the kibbutzim, if not its subjects, but official developments are a subject to conjecture.

It is possible that the whole business is a form of pressure on the General Zionists. It is to be recalled, however, that that party's Board decided on Friday to stand firm and not to yield an inch.

Earlier last night it was learned that Mr. Sharrett, Acting Prime Minister, is prepared to return his mandate, to form a new Government, to the President, if the Cabinet negotiations do not end speedily.

Mr. Sharrett had fruitless talks yesterday with Hapoel Hamizrahi. The main question was that of a Deputy Ministry of Education for the religious parties.

Blame G.Z.

Mapal representatives insist that progress towards a coalition is paralysed because of the General Zionists who created the present crisis by making demands after Mr. Ben Gurion resigned.

The deadlock could easily be resolved, these Mapal representatives think, if the General Zionists either abandoned their insistence on a Deputy Ministry of Education, or agreed to the appointment of a second deputy from among the religious parties.

The Mapal Council will decide when to meet only after a way out of the present cul-de-sac is found, it is learned.

## New Budget Discussed

The weekly session of the Economic Ministers' Committee held in Jerusalem yesterday, dealt with the draft estimates for the 1954-55 Budget, the Committee spokesman stated last night.

The Committee will continue its deliberations on the budget at its next session, it was announced, preparatory to its presentation to the Cabinet.

IT is probable that the movement itself needs to be made more flexible. Statehood, after all, is different from the revolutionary circumstance which led to it; and the accomplished ideal is never the one fought for. The movement should come out of its shells and take up the new challenge, and the State itself, if it can find time off from studying the recommendations of what has been a long procession of experts from abroad, might study also the possibilities of experiments carried out by its own people in its own lands.

Jerusalem, January 18.

## Cartel Committee Hear Evidence

The Committee to Investigate Cartels and Monopolies heard evidence from representatives of plywood factories and gravel quarry owners at its weekly meeting yesterday.

At its next meeting, the Committee will hear representatives of makers of aluminum and copper household utensils, and representatives of other gravel companies.

Members of the Committee are: Mr. Z. Susayeff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry Chairman; Mr. S. Orn and Mr. A. Arieli, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. R. Bell of the Office of the Economic Advisor to the Government.

## Infiltrator Killed

In the week ending January 24, there were eight clashes between the Defence Forces and armed infiltrators. One infiltrator was killed and one wounded, and one Israeli was wounded.

In the same period, there were seven cases of illegal grazing of cattle in Israeli territory, and seven cases of illegal tilling mainly in no-man's land.

In two cases, part of the territory was transgressed. There were also thefts by infiltrators of cattle, irrigation pipes, agricultural equipment and other goods.

## Jerusalem Strike Ends; Commissioner Named

Jerusalem Post Reporter

## Djilas Dismissed From All Posts In Communist Party

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuters). — The Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party today voted unanimously that Yugoslav Vice-President Milovan Djilas should be "excluded" from the Committee.

The announcement was issued by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, which said that the Committee had decided to remove Mr. Djilas from all functions in the Party.

It added that he "remains a member of the League of Communists (Party)."

Mr. Djilas was given a "last warning."

Asked Opinion

President Tito, addressing the Committee, said that Mr. Djilas last autumn had asked him (Tito) his opinion on a series of newspaper articles which were just starting to appear.

Tito replied that there was a helpful attitude, but Djilas did not agree with it.

Later, when he read more of the articles, "I saw that Djilas had gone very far... I saw here that this was a case of liquidating the Communist Party of discipline and of those who remain to be furnished not later than two weeks after the agreement is signed.

To Fulfil Obligations

The Municipality was asked to fulfil its obligations to the various workers' funds, such as the insurance fund for building and land workers. March 31 was set as the date by which the city should liquidate its debts in these fields for October and November, 1953.

The Council Subcommittee

which negotiated with the strikers, composed of Mr. E. Eliashar (General Zionists), Chairman, Mr. M. Gewirtzman (Hapoel Hamizrahi) and Mr. M. Friedman (Mapal), will, together with representatives of the state and the Histadrut, fix the schedule for payments to these funds.

A wage-scale equal to that in Tel Aviv is to be substituted immediately for engineers, technicians, doctors and social workers.

The Subcommittee was asked to draw up details of the agreement with the Histadrut and the employees to give the status of monthly workers, including the right to severance pay to all labourers employed for a period of 12 consecutive months.

Mayor I. Kaviv opened the

Council session with a review of the negotiations with the Government.

He pointed out that the present crisis was being managed

despite the fact that the

Government was not dealing with matters that might arise in the future.

Delegation of Authority

Regarding the appointment of Mr. Schudrich, the Mayor stated that he is empowered by his by-laws to delegate part of his authority, with Council approval, to an outside official.

Mr. A. Axelrod (Herut), de-

cried the fact that the strike had

been called to protest against

the Government's decision to

liquidate the pension fund.

An Advisory Committee on

Institutions of Higher Education

was appointed. It is to be

advised by the Ministry of

Education, Culture, Science,

Police, Health, the Director-General

of the Ministry of Education

and the Director-General of

the Institutes of the Scientific

and Technical Commissions.

The Mayor abstained when the

vote was taken, but he signed it after it had been

passed without opposition. Mr.

Eliashar noted that the city's

financial situation could be solved

only by Government aid and

with the full cooperation of the

general public (to be ap-

pointed).

Jerusalem Problem

On the problem of Jerusalem, the Ministerial Committee on Domestic Affairs and Services is to meet today, to prepare its recommendations for the next Cabinet.

The report on the "Conquest of the Desert Exhibition" will be given at a future Cabinet session, the spokesman confirmed.

The Cabinet committee

met at its weekly meeting yes-

terday, the Cabinet discussed

the Bill providing pensions for

members of the regular Army.

The Cabinet reviewed the

negotiations on salaries of civil

servants.

A Committee was formed to

advise the Ministry of Education and Culture on matters per-

taining to institutions of higher

education.

In the debate that followed Mr. Levanon's statement, Dr. Y. Y. Mayar, S. Shoshani (Landlords)

revealed that the Mayor had re-

cently called in some of his

friends and had asked them "Is

my behaviour in order or not?"

Answer Affirmative

They had answered in the af-

firmative, Mr. Shoshani said.

He asked the Council to consider

the difficulties in obtaining build-

ing materials three years ago,

and that there is nothing out of

the ordinary in some municipal

employees receiving building ma-

terials from the City store and

paying for them at 10% more

than the present price.

Although Mr. Levanon had made a mistake, Mr. Shoshani continued, he is a devoted and blameless public servant.

Mr. I. Chodorkowitz, who, to-

gether with Mr. S. Levi, both

Mapal, had criti-

cized the Mayor, asked him to re-

call his statement.

Mr. Levanon, while head of the

Engineering Department, should

have used his employees on a

private job. He added that he was not attacking the Mayor personally.

Mr. M. Goldstein (Progressive)

protested that it was an "un-ve-

ited" habit of the Press to

accuse persons before an investi-

gation is made.

After the vote, the Mayor, look-

ing pale and tired, excused him-

self from continuing the meeting

which was then adjourned until

next Sunday.

Mr. Levanon remarked that he

had made a bad bargain, as he

could have had the job executed

by other men cheaper than he

himself.

A year later, when joints

were torn to the integrity of Mr.

A. Winkin, Works Manager of the

Maintenance Department of the

Municipality, and during the in-

## Nagib Warns Britain To Alter Attitude

ROME, Sunday (Reuters). — Pres-

ident Nagib told the Cairo cor-

respondent of the Italian news

agency ANSA today that if Brit-

ain did not change its attitude

on the Suez question "before the

situation aggravates" she would

lose all friendship in the Middle

East.

The correspondent asked him

whether the Egyptians required

an immediate change of atti-

tude to consider repatriation of

Arabs from the Suez Canal zone.

Mr. Nagib replied: "Britain will

not change its attitude unless

there is a complete change in the

situation in the Suez Canal zone."



**Today's Post Bag****THE WEATHER**

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St. Cane's	14	15	15	15
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Hula Port	14	17	16	16
Naharia	17	20	19	19
Tel Aviv North	16	21	20	20
Tel Aviv Port	16	21	20	20
Lydda	19	20	20	20
Jerusalem	17	18	18	18
Bnei-Sheva	18	19	19	19
Eilat	22	22	22	22

(A) Humidity at 8 a.m. (B) Max. yesterday  
(C) Max. yesterday  
(D) Maximum temp. expected today

**MIGDAL ASCALON** school teachers headed an appeal by the Local Council yesterday and disregarded the instructions of the Ministry of Education to strike as a protest against non-payment of salaries. They threatened to walk out on Wednesday, however, if their salaries are not paid by then.

A SENTENCE of two weeks in prison was imposed on Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on A. Avraham, 46, of Kfar Shalom for failing to look for the rightful owner of a IL5 note which he found near a kiosk. He told passers-by that he had found five prutot.

A DEMONSTRATIVE strike against the employment of out-of-town drivers was staged by 50 Ramle truck drivers yesterday in front of the Neher cement factory in Ramle.

**VOJVODINA, THE YUGOSLAV First Division soccer team, will play their farewell game against a combined Tel Aviv Maccabi-Hapoel Eleven in Jaffa at 8 p.m. today.**

**THE PRODUCTION** of bricks and blocks made of earth was demonstrated to the Press in Tel Aviv yesterday by the Ellison Company which makes and distributes the Ellison high compression brick and block-making machines. A Company spokesman said that Ellison bricks would be suitable for the building of cheap one-story buildings here.

A FIVE-MONTH evening course in sewing and modelling is to be held in Tel Aviv for dressmakers, the Ministry of Labour announces. The course is sponsored by the Workers' Council of Tel Aviv and the Modelseipai Association. It takes place daily from 5 to 7 p.m. except "Wednesdays, at 5 Rehov Brenner."

**A COMMITTEE** consisting of Mrs. J. Tversky, M.K., Mr. M. Singer and Mr. I. Shimoni, has been nominated by the Minister of Labour to investigate the cause of the disturbance during the recent Popular Housing draw in Haifa by a delegation of disabled ex-servicemen. The Committee's findings and recommendations will be made public.

**Schalt Funeral In Tel Aviv Today**

**TEL AVIV, Sunday.** — The funeral of Dr. Isidor Schalt will leave the Jewish National Fund building at Rehov Shapira here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. He will be buried in the old cemetery at Rehov Trumpeldor.

The President will be represented at the funeral by his wife, Alice, and son, Y. Carmel. (See Head's Secretary) — P.A.

**RATION NEWS**

**JERUSALEM** imported cheese 300 kg. no coupon, temp. 15. Eggs: 5. Hush 15. temp. 5. Northern District: Sugar: 1 kg. plus additional 500 gr. Margarine plus additional 500 gr. Margarine 400 gr. Hush 5. temp. 10. Imported butter: 600 gr. Hush 5. temp. 10. Rice: 300 gr. on Aleph. Bet cards. Hush 2. temp. 11. Flour: 750 gr. Hush 2. temp. 14.

**Southern District:** Filled chocolate: one bar on Aleph. Bet. Gimel cards. temp. 12. 100 gr. margarine. Imported butter: 600 gr. Hush 2. temp. 14.

**Personal Notices**

Ruth & Gad Papelbaum are happy to announce the birth of a daughter

DORIT - GILA

Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv.

January 18, 1954.

**Arieb & Naomi Freeman (nee Rosenberg)**

announce the birth of a

SON

brother to Adam

at Ichud Hospital, Haifa, on January 15, 1954.

Friends who wish to send flowers are asked to make a donation to Rothschild Children's Hospital, Haifa, instead.

The Brit Milah will take place on Friday, January 22, at 11 a.m.

With deepest sorrow I announce the death, after short illness, of my beloved husband, our dear father and grandfather

**Mr. RICHARD BEHRENDT (G. E.)**

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. today,

Jan. 18, 1954, from the Elisha Hospital, Haifa.

ROSE BEHRENDT (nee Cohn)

Please advise from condolence visits.

The Management and Staff of  
**MISRAH INSURANCE SERVICE**  
TREU & STEINWEG

express their heartfelt sympathy to their colleague

**Mrs. MARTHA EYLATH (ENGELBERT)**

on the untimely death of her husband

**YEHUDA EYLATH**

# Histadrut Reduces Fees, Receives Budget IL.3.3m. Higher Than 1953

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV, Sunday.** — Introducing a IL.11.8m. budget for the General Federation of Jewish Labour during 1954, Mr. I. Haskin, the Treasurer, today informed the Histadrut Executive that membership fees could be reduced this year by 10% to 25%. The Executive unanimously approved the cut, and is expected to vote the whole of the budget later this week. Last year's budget was IL.8.356.000.

**M. M. NAMIR**, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, said that the cut is intended to serve as an example for a general reduction of taxes on working people. The IL500,000 estimated loss to the Histadrut treasury, resulting from such action, is expected to be made good by improved collection methods.

There were about 481,000 members of the Federation at the beginning of this year. Mr. J. Baumholz, Manager of the Canadian-Palestine Trading Corporation (Campal) of Montreal, left Israel today after a two-week business visit in which he made the foundations for the establishment of a new company to promote Israeli exports to Canada.

**TEL AVIV, Sunday.** — The Histadrut Executive meeting to hear the new budget, was told that the Histadrut will invest IL.13m. in new buildings and other ventures, only IL.100,000 more than last year — a "stagnation" which critics say is due to the present economic situation. The Municipality is now considering the possibility of a new company to promote Israeli exports to Canada.

The distributing company, to be established with an initial capital of \$500,000, will be a subsidiary of Campal and will concentrate on enlarging the volume of the staple exports of maps, oil, cosmetics, confectionery, wine and leather.

The Municipality has been exporting in small quantities to Canada in the last few years.

Israel can hardly expect to achieve in the near future a much more favourable balance of trade than the present annual ratio of 20 to 1 in favour of Canada. Mr. Baumholz told *The Jerusalem Post*.

A concealed time bomb is now regarded as the likeliest explanation, certainly more probable than the two others mentioned, namely, structural faults for which there is no evidence whatever.

"It is relevant to inquire," the letter continued, "whether we are not laying the foundations of a foreign service corporation to serve a totalitarian government rather than the social and economic development of the Arab States."

"It undermines the position of those Egyptian and Arab leaders who realize the value and necessity of cooperation with the Western Powers in the military and diplomatic fields, and also in the social and economic development of the Arab States."

"Although the publicly recently given by Egyptian leaders to their consideration of a policy of 'neutrality' between the Western and Soviet blocks may have been a tactical move to impress the Philippines airliner may have been a blind to distract attention from the real operation, the object of which was the Comet, and through the Comet perhaps Britain's Jet export plans which were very largely bound up with the prestige of the machine."

**Urgent Seriousness**

This matter is regarded here with the greatest seriousness although the American aircraft which negotiated the purchase of an improved model of the Comet fortunately has refused to be stampeded into cancelling its plan.

The plane has already been ex-

tremely ill-fated. First, it crashed

into a hill in England.

Secondly, it crashed into a

hill in France.

Thirdly, it crashed into a

hill in Italy.

Fourthly, it crashed into a

hill in Spain.

Fifthly, it crashed into a

hill in Australia.

Sixthly, it crashed into a

hill in South Africa.

Seventhly, it crashed into a

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Eighthly, it crashed into a

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Ninthly, it crashed into a

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THE session of the Kibbutz Artzi Executive (the Hashomer Hatzair faction of Mapam) which opened yesterday in Ein Shemer, has aroused a large measure of interest throughout the country, and it is undoubtedly true that the new ideological debate within Mapam, and especially the leadership, may be of decisive importance for the future of that Party.

A group of "left-wing extremists" including such party stalwarts as Messrs. Riftin, Flapan and Peri are again revolting against the party leadership and their attempts to make an ideological synthesis of proletarian Zionism and Leninism-Stalinism obligatory for all members of Hashomer Hatzair. The adjective "left-wing" in this context is extremely misleading, to be sure. The minority, which dates back to before the Sneh split, is no more "left" than the Hashomer Hatzair majority, but they believe themselves to be greater experts in surf-riding on the wave of the future. They refused to join Dr. Sneh when he was excluded from Mapam one year ago — the obvious thing to do — as such a move was doomed to failure from the outset, as the subsequent misfortunes of "Smol" (Dr. Sneh's group) have shown all too clearly. But Messrs. Riftin, Flapan and Peri were not given up their belief that a synthesis of Leninism-Stalinism and Zionism (even in the most "progressive" form) is impracticable and that a choice had to be made in favour of the former.

This stand of the Hashomer Hatzair minority has not, of course, been taken as the result of rational argument and inner conviction: it is the logical conclusion which they have drawn from the fact that the highest arbiter for the compatibility of Zionism and Leninism-Stalinism, who are not with Israel, have decided against such a combination, and like the Light Brigade of Balaklava, their "is not to reason why." The issue, therefore, is not one of "left" and "right"; it is not a question of ideology, but of character, with the minority urging that the acceptance of international Communist discipline is the highest duty, and that this demands a stand against the national liberation movement of the Jewish people in view of the "higher interests" involved. The majority believes, or pretends to do so, that there is no real contradiction between the two. The minority does not appear to be very strong numerically: arguments and logic certainly are not on their side, but precedent is, and the stamp of "officialdom" — and this cannot be taken lightly. They can argue that on many other issues, too, especially as far as international affairs are concerned, the Mapam majority has taken the lead given from abroad without voicing any criticism, and why should it reject the advice offered as far as Israel's affairs are concerned?

In view of this new crisis in Hashomer Hatzair, it would appear that the recent decision by the Mapam Council to pull off the coalition alliance with Mapai was made by a technical majority, which, in reality, was a minority. The division was, it will be remembered, according to factions line of Abdu Avoda and Left Poal Zion (40% together) voting in favour, and Hashomer Hatzair against. However, a sizable part of Hashomer Hatzair is reliably favoured joining the coalition, and, together with Abdu Avoda, this group probably would have commanded a comfortable majority. In view of factions, discipline, however, Hashomer Hatzair would remain in its position, thwarting the initiative for a government on the broadest possible basis. As things stand, it must be taken that the negative decision of the Hashomer Hatzair leadership was motivated by internal factual considerations, and mainly by the Riftin-Peri group. The present internal crisis of Mapam, therefore, would appear to be inevitable, at least as long as Hashomer Hatzair has not carried out its spring cleaning and has failed to evolve clearer and less equivocal ideological analysis of the outstanding issues of our day.

It can only be hoped that as a result of the present process of clarification, Mapam may find its way to share responsibility for and to participate in shaping this country's policy, a task which now more than ever needs the active collaboration of all constructive forces in Israel.

## DR. ISIDOR SCHALIT

Herzl's Secretary Spared Zionist Era

By JOSEPH FRAENKEL



**A**T No. 3 Wachingerstrasse, Vienna, next to the bookshop of Max Breitenstein who published Herzl's "Jewish State," lived Dr. Isidor Schalit. Tali and slim, he had the eyes of a visionary; his face bore the scars of many duels. The doctor's long sensitive hands would habitually stroke his small, pointed beard. From his window he could see the Cafe Astoria, regular meeting-place of the Zionists and students belonging to the "Ivri" as well as the Thuerkenstrasse where, at No. 9, Herzl once had his Zionist headquarters. I used to call on Dr. Schalit several times a week to discuss the publication of a book on Herzl. Dr. Schalit kept a wardrobe in the hall but instead of clothes it contained thousands of letters and documents. Here he preserved part of his archives — the correspondence of the Zionist General Council and of the "Club of Jewish Members" of the Austrian Parliament. There were letters from Nordau, Wolffsohn, Marmorek, Stand, Straucher, Mahler, Gaber, Ebner, protocols and enquiries in shorthand from all over the world. One cold winter day I opened the cupboard and found it empty. What had happened? The old man wanted to light the fire and having no wood had used the Zionist archives instead.

In the year 1899, Schalit, a student at Vienna University, heard the words "Ivri Anochi" from the lips of Josef Bierer, a member of the "Kadimah." This inspired him to write a book "The Awakening of a People" but was forced to interrupt his work.

**M**an of Action

He was warned and left Nazi Vienna in time, taking a single and, of course, his books. Herzl letters. In Palestine he planned to write a book "The Awakening of a People" but was forced to interrupt his work.

On October 10, 1949, 45 years after Herzl's death, the Knesset asked the Israel Government to transfer Herzl's remains to Israel. It was fitting that Schalit should be included in the delegation sent to Vienna to supervise the transfer. He fulfilled his mission and brought his teacher and master back to Jerusalem.

**S**tudents' Initiative

Schalit, trained by Herzl as a Zionist worker, was not only a fine speaker but also a conference organizer during the Greco-Turkish war, he volunteered to form a medical unit together with four other Jewish students. After many difficulties they reached the Turkish battlefield and helped to care for hundreds of wounded soldiers. Herzl approved of this humanitarian gesture with its great significance. These were not just five Jewish doctors, but more patriotic. He inspired his members with fresh hope, greater enthusiasm and a new fighting spirit. Today the duel is a thing of the past, but 60 years ago it was a weapon in the struggle for Jewish equality, a means of defending "Jewish honor" and proving that Jews were not cowards. Schalit was one of the best swordsmen and had some 17 or 18 duels to his credit.

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**M**INISTERS, Knesset members and senior Government officials have enough to be busy with — for comment on British officialdom's transportation, see above — and who have a preference for certain numbers, will have a hard time to indulge their fancy or superstition, as the case may be. The license plates with numbers 1,000, 800, 600 and a good many other conspicuous combinations are familiar to anyone who regularly walks past the Knesset. We may find its way to share responsibility for and to participate in shaping this country's policy, a task which now more than ever needs the active collaboration of all constructive forces in Israel.

We are still receiving many letters from parents and children asking us for the toys distributed at Hanukkah through our annual Toy Fund. But quite the nicest letters we have had for some time came

from Knesset Leibnitz. Herzl regarded him as a friend; he also entrusted him with important tasks and political missions. Herzl's death robbed Schalit of his friend and mentor. Year after year, he visited the Doeblinger cemetery on the anniversary of his death, ever mindful of Herzl's last wish that the Jewish people should take his remains to Palestine.

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**L**ast Mission

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On October 10, 1949, 45 years after Herzl's death, the Knesset asked the Israel Government to transfer Herzl's remains to Israel. It was fitting that Schalit should be included in the delegation sent to Vienna to supervise the transfer. He fulfilled his mission and brought his teacher and master back to Jerusalem.

## Readers' Letters

TECHNION EXAMS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post Sir: — Your issue of January 13 carries a letter from Mr. A. Abramovitz in which he comments on the examination regulations at the Technion. Unfortunately, he has failed to present the facts correctly, and in view of the persistent student demands for easing of these regulations, it might be well to explain precisely what is meant by "easing."

The new examination regulations were put into effect last year and have thus far applied to the first year class only.

The requirements are that a student who fails in one major subject during the Spring examination period must be re-examined in the subject in the Fall. At the same time the call for re-examination in other major subjects as well, unless he is specifically exempted. This provision gives the Review Board an opportunity to examine the student's record. If he has managed to get by in other major subjects with only bare passing grades, the Board may nevertheless require re-examination even in those subjects.

Schalit was always proud of the fact that he opened the first Congress with three taps of his hammer. "Three taps of the hammer" became a tradition at the Congresses, and the tradition continues. The young dreamers of the "Kadimah," "Ivri," "Lubavitch," "Hashomer," "Units," "Gamal," "Humanitas," "Jordania" and "Avhah" formed themselves immediately offered to serve Herzl. Isidor Schalit was one of the keenest and most able. Having obtained the gallery-roofs of the "Jewish State" from Britenstein, he went to Herzl and immediately recognized his value to the leadership of the Jews. A few days later, on February 18, 1900, K. a. d. m. a. arranged a banquet in honour of Herzl. This established him as leader of the Zionists, in spite of the grumbling of some "old-timers." The authority of Kadimah was so great that the other students' organizations too, declared their willingness to

have him from the children's group at the Tackaia Institution. They were invited to the ceremony, which was a success. When a police van drove up, and even more surprised when the policeman began unloading toys for them. They decided to express their thanks for "such thoughtfulness" in a practical way and sat down to do a charming interdenominational service with a girl reading a book under a tree which we received this weekend. In another section the young boys practically knocked the policeman off his seat and had already got at his sack when the instructor came and decided to "raffle" the smaller toys among the class. One young chap won a pencil and a comb evidently to his bitter disappointment. However, he wrote us to express his thanks, but ended on a plaintive note. What in the world, he asked us, could he do with a comb?

**A** FRIEND of ours got into the habit of bringing his young son a small toy every weekend

and had just given his heir the present and settled down for his weekend stay. When he boy returned with the query, "Abba, how come I break this?" May's contributors include: E. Grobe of Nahariya, and C.P.D. and F. Schlesinger of Jerusalem.

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## London Transport Sets Example

By HUGH C. GEL

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